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TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

Free Training Opportunity

Gulf States LECC/Victim Witness Conference

Strength in Unity

Bringing Law Enforcement and Victim Services Together

July 12-14, 2006

Renaissance Dallas Hotel, Dallas, Texas

Registration Packet

The Law Enforcement Coordinators (LECC) and Victim Witness Coordinators from the U.S. Attorney's Offices in Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Texas, are sponsoring a training conference intended for federal, state, local, and military law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim/witness specialists, and other criminal justice practitioners from each respective State. The conference will be held July 12-14, 2006, at the Renaissance Dallas Hotel, Dallas, Texas, at no cost to the participants. The agenda has been developed to meet the law enforcement and victim/witness needs of today.

Topics will include:

Hurricane Katrina: When Law Enforcement Officers Become Victims
Assisting Victims from Mexico, Valuable Partnerships
Positively Impacting Issues of Crime: Abuse and Neglect
Solving Cold Case Sexual Assaults with DNA: Victims and The Aftermath
Bridging the Gap Between Law Enforcement and Victim Services
Stress Management/Law Enforcement Suicide
Internet Child Pornography
Drugs, Music and Violence: How They Relate
Office for Victims of Crime: Capacity Builders

Scholarships: We invite you to take advantage of this outstanding training opportunity and our hospitality. We are fortunate this year as we are able to charge **NO REGISTRATION FEE** for this conference due to the availability of training funds to cover conference expenses.

Scholarships of \$300.00 are available to assist with travel for those with a strong need for financial assistance. In order to qualify for a scholarship you must demonstrate a genuine financial need, live at least 100 miles from the conference site, be a full time employee in the field of Law Enforcement or Victim/Witness Services, not have been a scholarship recipient last year and attend the entire conference. (Federal employees are NOT eligible for scholarships.) Please complete the attached scholarship form to be considered. Scholarships are limited and will be provided to those who qualify on a first come-first served basis.

Lodging:

The Renaissance Dallas Hotel is providing a special room rate of **\$95 (plus tax) for single** occupancy. They are also offering the same rate for one day pre and post conference on a space availability basis. If you anticipate attending this conference, please call **1-800-468-3571** to make your **ROOM RESERVATIONS BY: June 20, 2006**, to receive the special room rate. After the cutoff date, rooms at this rate will only be honored on a space available basis. Ask for the Gulf States LECC/VW Conference rate. Complimentary on-site parking is available at the hotel to conference participants. To check out this beautiful hotel, visit their web page at <http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/DALBR>

Registration/Reception:

On-site registration and packet pick up will take place on Tuesday, July 11, from 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM, and Wednesday, July 12, from 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM. There will be an **informal networking opportunity with light refreshments from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM , Wednesday, July 12**, following the conclusion of that day's sessions. Please plan on attending this event to network with your peers from throughout the Gulf States.

Schedule:

The conference will begin with on-site registration Tuesday, July 11, 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM, and Wednesday, July 12, 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM. Wednesday's session will begin at 9:00 AM, and end at 5:00 PM. Thursday, July 12, plenary sessions will begin at 9:00 AM, and end at 5:30 PM. Friday, July 13, session will begin at 9:00 AM, and end at 12:00 PM. Each day will be preceded with a networking continental breakfast.

Dress for the conference: Business casual.

Airport Transportation:

Participants who fly to Dallas from within the state of Texas or Louisiana may fly in to Dallas Love Field, those participants flying to Dallas from any other state must fly into Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport. You may take a taxi or SuperShuttle to the hotel. Taxi expense from DFW will be approximately \$50 one way, or shuttle will be \$25 one way. Taxi or shuttle service is readily available on the ground level outside of the baggage claim area.

Please complete the attached Registration and No-Show Policy forms and return them via fax to 214-659-8815. If you are applying for a scholarship, please forward a registration form with scholarship application and other supporting documents to Donna Duplantier, **504-589-7152 fax.**

If you have any questions, please call LECC Coordinator Dan Drake at (912) 201-2669, Victim-Witness Coordinator Donna Roberts at 912-201-2582, or Victim-Witness Advocate Debra Jones at 912-201-2580. We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

Attachments